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 * WITFORD NURSERY.
 * FARMER, ILL.
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 * IMPROVED VARIETIES NUT TREES.

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Nut orchards come to profitable bearing as soon as apple orchards. The advantage of the nut orchard over the apple orchard lies in the greater age to which nut trees grow, much lower production costs, steadier market demand, less need for hurry in harvesting and marketing, greater food value of the crop and larger net income.

Nut trees make good shade, are beautiful and attractive and ornamental and instead of merely getting a job of raking and burning a crop of leaves which fall from maples, elms, poplars and other useless trees, why not put away a winter supply of nuts or from the income of a few nut trees, pay taxes on your home or farm.

We have had years of experience in producing both nuts and nursery trees and grow the best varieties to be found. More than one variety should be planted for cross pollination. Our trees this year are grafted or budded on transplanted stocks, which give them a good root system.

CHESTNUTS.-bear nuts quickly- young trees bear in the nursery rows. New set grafts nearly always bear the second year and at five years of age in our orchards, trees have borne 150 filled burrs with a top spread of six feet. At six years of age we have had trees produce twenty pounds of nuts which sold on the Chicago market at 25 cents per pound. Twenty-eight year old trees have produced as much as three bushels of nuts per tree which sold for \$13.00 per bushel. Chestnuts bear annually- they bloom after frost in June and never get froze. Trees are hardy, fast growers, require very little pruning, no spraying, no ladder climbing and nuts drop to the ground and are picked up and harvested at very low cost.

VARIETIES. Fuller, Paragon, Bono, Large American Sweet, Chinese Hairy (Mollisson).

All above varieties we plant commercially and are all good size, of the finest quality and find ready sale on our markets.

PRICE.-2/3 ft. 75¢ each. \$7.50 per 12. 3/4 ft. \$1.00. \$10.00 per 12. Price of seedling chestnut trees from large nuts. 2/3 ft 40¢. 3/4 ft 60¢. 4/5 ft 75¢. Can furnish by the 100 for orchard planting. They can be top worked after growing in orchard one year. Scion wood 8¢ per foot.

WALNUTS.- There is now a great demand for the thin shelled varieties of black walnuts. The demand for the kernels comes from nut shops, candy makers, ice-cream-makers, and makers of cakes and nut breads. We grow Thomas and Stabler, two of the best varieties. They have thin shells, crack out whole and have fine flavor. 2/3 ft 75¢. \$7.50 per 12. 3/4 ft \$1.00. \$10.00 per 12. 4/5 ft \$1.25. \$12.50 per 12.

Hardy NORTHERN PECANS.-The varieties we are propagating are from Ind. Ill. and Kentucky. Are perfectly hardy and heavy producers of finest flavor-much superior to the Southern paper shelled nuts which are not hardy North of the Ohio river. The Pecan is a native of river bottoms but with proper care and fertility do well in almost any location. Some of the best Pecan trees are growing on upland prairie soil.

VARIETIES:-Bisseron, Posey, Butterick. Dug with whole roots.

Price:-2/4 ft size, three year roots- \$1.50 each.

GERARDI HICAN. This marvelous hybrid nut tree is located in Clinton County, Illinois, in the Sugar Creek bottom southwest of Daniansville and is a cross between the hickory and pecan. We obtained our first scions from this tree a few years ago and propagated the first trees of this variety before it was named. We have specimen nuts measuring $2\frac{1}{8} \times 1\frac{1}{8}$. They are nearly as thin shelled as the pecan. We believe this tree to be the long lost, "Nussbamer's Hybrid," as described in Fuller's Nut Book. The description of the nut, tree and location is apparently the same. The size of the tree now is $7\frac{1}{2}$ feet in circumference and somewhat scaly and resembles the hickory more than the pecan tree. This nut is considered by nut experts to be one of the best ever found in the Northern pecan zone.

PRICE OF TREES. Budded on three year stocks and dug with whole root. \$3.00 each.

We can supply graft wood from the original tree at 20¢ per graft.

ALMOND.—We have a few Princess Almond trees which are desirable for home use. Will bear where peaches do and in three or four years. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ft trees 60¢ each.

BUTTERNUT.—Not grafted but produce rich nuts and is considered a favorite with many and makes a very beautiful ornamental tree. $3\frac{3}{4}$ ft size 75¢.

FILBERTS.—Are easily grown, have no insect enemies, bear young, and live to great age. Can be trained to bush or tree form and make a very useful and ornamental shrub, producing crops of high quality nuts. More than one variety should be planted for cross pollination. We have this season the Barcelona and the White Aveline varieties. Two ft plants 60¢.

PAW PAW.—Not a nut but the largest native American fruit. It has a distinctive flavor all its own which many people are very fond of. Trees are hardy and bear young. $3\frac{3}{4}$ foot trees 75¢ each.

We probably will not put out this year an illustrated catalog unless business conditions pick up soon and in presenting this cheap price list we will be able to furnish trees for a little less money as it costs less which saving you get the benefit of.

TERMS OF SALE. All our trees are guaranteed of the variety specified, guaranteed to reach you in prime condition to plant, fresh dug for each order but no guarantee is given as to their living or growth. Any complaints should be made at once upon receipt of trees.

